

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GLORIA MOLINA

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Many of the children under the supervision of the Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services are identified as possibly having a developmental disability. In substantiated cases of child abuse, it is mandatory for the child to be screened for developmental delays or disabilities. In these tough economic times, the ability to leverage services and funding, as well as reduce the burden to constituents traveling to multiple locations for assistance is vitally important.

To encourage accessibility and leverage existing funding, the CEO should be instructed to negotiate the utilization of vacant space at MacLaren Children’s Center (MacLaren) for three agencies; two agencies will assist with the assessment and provision of services for children with developmental disabilities, and one agency will provide legal services for these children and their families. The proposed use will be for two years on a gratis basis as it is not expected to impact any ongoing programs at MacLaren.

The San Gabriel/Pomona Regional Center (Regional Center) receives State funding to provide diagnosis and assessment of eligibility for services and support needed for developmental disabilities At MacLaren, the Regional Center will provide intake/eligibility assessment clinics and parent/child workshops.

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Alma Family Services was approved to administer a two-year Demonstration Project to address Child Abuse Prevention and Early Intervention Services for Developmentally Disabled Children in Supervisorial District One. Alma Family Services will provide services such as case management, parent training and support groups, and child abuse education for children who have a developmental disability.

Neighborhood Legal Services of Los Angeles County (NLSLA) will work collaboratively with other organizations located at MacLaren to provide free legal assistance to low-income foster care children and their families. Co-located agencies and service providers may refer individuals and families to NLSLA when they identify a need for NLSLA services, which include attorney assistance, expertise, or advocacy.

The above three agencies are scheduled to commence service provision in January 2011. The provision of these services at MacLaren will directly benefit the developmentally disabled community within Los Angeles and merits the support of the Board.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE THAT the Board, as authorized by Government Code Section 26227:

1. Find that the classroom and office space at MacLaren located at 4024 North Durfee Avenue, El Monte (Spaces identified as 123, 125, 128, 129, 131, 135, 136, and 137) to be utilized by the Regional Center, Alma Family Services, and Neighborhood Legal Services of Los Angeles County are not currently needed for County purposes during the time of the proposed use.
2. Find that the issuance of non-exclusive license agreements with the three agencies is categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to Class 1 of the County's

Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines (Existing Facilities).

3. Instruct the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate, prepare and execute a two-year non-paid Operational agreement for services and gratis two-year, non-exclusive license agreement for use of the classroom, office space, utilities, and unreserved parking, with the nonprofit private corporation, San Gabriel/Pomona Valley Development Services, Inc., contracted by the State of California to operate the Regional Center. This agreement will be contingent upon the Regional Center's acceptance of the agreed upon space in its condition at move in, assuming complete legal responsibility for its use of the space, including the classroom instruction and other related use, during its occupancy, at no cost to the County. The term of the license will commence upon the agreed move-in date, subject to the license being fully executed by the Chair of the Board.
4. Instruct the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate, prepare and execute a gratis two-year, non-exclusive license agreement for use of the classroom, office space, utilities, and unreserved parking, with Alma Family Services. These agreements will be contingent upon Alma Family Service's acceptance of the licensed space in its condition at move in, assuming complete legal responsibility for its use of the space, including the classroom instruction and other related use, during its occupancy, at no cost to the County. The term of the license will commence upon the agreed move-in date, subject to the license being fully executed by the Chair of the Board.
5. Instruct the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate, prepare and execute a gratis two-year, non-exclusive license agreement for use of the office space, utilities,

and unreserved parking, with NLSLA. These agreements will be contingent upon the NLSLA's acceptance of the licensed space in its condition at move in, assuming complete legal responsibility for its use of the space during its occupancy, at no cost to the County. The term of the license will commence upon the agreed move-in date, subject to the license being fully executed by the Chair of the Board.

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